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## **Seminole Receives \$500,000 Federal Grant to Purchase Old Wrangler Plant**

*Washington, DC* -- Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) congratulated the city of Seminole on a \$500,000 federal grant announced today which will enable the city to purchase the former Wrangler plant.

**“Owning these facilities will be a major boost that helps the City of Seminole to attract new businesses and new jobs,”** said Istook. **“I'm impressed by the community leaders who have united and worked steadfastly to bring more jobs to Seminole, and I'm pleased to have a role in that partnership.”**

Istook particularly applauded the work of Seminole city manager, Steve Saxon, and U.S. Senator James Inhofe in obtaining the grant. The \$500,000 federal economic development award is expected to generate \$10 million in private investment and create 150 new jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The city has negotiated a purchase price with Wrangler of \$425,000 for its two existing industrial facilities. The purchase of the facilities will enable the city to control what type of business occupies the facilities and maximizes the chance for the highest number of jobs to be created.

Wrangler closed its manufacturing operations in Seminole in 2003 costing the community over 600 jobs.